



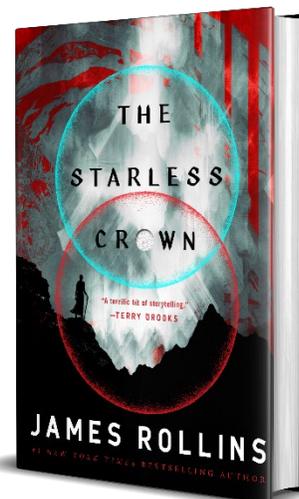
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# THE STARLESS CROWN

## JAMES ROLLINS

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**“A terrific bit of storytelling”**  
—Terry Brooks



On January 4, 2022, readers will welcome lunar chaos with the release of James Rollins' *THE STARLESS CROWN*, an epic fantasy series debut set on a tidally-locked world on the brink of prophesized doom. Rollins is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of critically acclaimed international thrillers, and his Sigma series has topped charts around the world....but his origins are very much in speculative fiction, and he's never lost his love of the genre. With *THE STARLESS CROWN*, Rollins is returning to his roots for a masterwork that's been eight years in the making, one he considers the pinnacle of his career.

In classic Rollins style, *THE STARLESS CROWN* has the propulsive pace of a thriller melded with the scientific roots of hard-hitting climate fiction—and the expansive scope of a top-tier SFF blockbuster. Rollins distills everything that makes epic fantasy enthralling—the clash of might and magic, the fate-of-the-world stakes, the unlikely fellowship of heroes railing against destiny—into a novel that is so captivating, readers will devour it in a single sitting (despite the appropriately “epic” page count).

In writing this first entry in the Moon Fall series, Rollins merged his fascination with the natural world with his knowledge of the wonders found at the evolutionary fringes of scientific exploration. As both a practicing veterinarian and an avid spelunker and diver, Rollins drew from his own firsthand experience when creating the tidally-locked world of *THE STARLESS CROWN*. In this world, there are only small slivers of habitable land, either bathed in constant sunlight, or draped in endless night; the rest of the world is a haven for strange, fantastic creatures that have evolved to suit their harsh environments.

The story follows Nyx, a gifted student who foretells an apocalypse. Because of this, she's condemned to death, forced to flee into the wild and ally herself with a team of outcasts, each with their own dark pasts and secret motives. On the run, hunted by enemies old and new, they must learn to trust each other in order to survive in a world evolved in strange, beautiful, and deadly ways, and uncover ancient secrets that hold the key to their salvation.



**JAMES ROLLINS** is the #1 *New York Times* bestseller of international thrillers, sold to over forty countries. His Sigma series has earned national accolades and has topped charts around the world. He is also a practicing veterinarian, who still spends time underground or underwater as an avid spelunker and diver.

# PRAISE FOR JAMES ROLLINS

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"Fun...the fantastical creatures and landscapes are imaginative...Readers looking for plot-driven fantasy will enjoy the action."

—*Publishers Weekly*

"An interesting blend of science and magic, flying ships and prophetic gods, propel this fantasy into epic territories."

—*Library Journal*

"An action-filled fantasy quest that is gripping and thought-provoking. The high stakes and smooth writing made it a page turner.... As in his thrillers, he includes science, historical secrets, and suspense."

—*Mystery & Suspense Magazine*

"This talented storyteller moves smoothly from Thriller to Fantasy. A terrific bit of storytelling."

—Terry Brooks, *New York Times* bestselling author of the Shannara novels

"[Rollins] grabs you at the beginning and doesn't let go, weaving a believably unbelievable world of magic and danger that is both terrifying and beautiful, cruel and tender. A masterful storyteller across the genres, James is at his best in *The Starless Crown*."

—R. A. Salvatore, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The DemonWars Saga*

"*The Starless Crown* is a bold and brilliant epic fantasy by a master storyteller! Wonderfully complex characters, shifting points-of-view, unparalleled world-building, and a great sense of fun make this a certified triumph!"

—Jonathan Maberry, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Relentless*

"Rollins is what you might wind up with if you tossed Michael Crichton and Dan Brown into a particle accelerator together."

—*The New York Times*

"After Crichton passed away in 2008 he clearly passed the baton to James Rollins, who like Crichton, is a renaissance man."

—*Huffington Post*

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